MY COMMENTARY

Hi, I'm Bill Fairclough. I was a real MI6 secret agent. My codename was JJ. In TheBurlingtonFiles series of books based on my life I was named Edward Burlington. Even spies need a stage name!

If you'd met Ian Fleming before he published his books would you have done a film deal with him? If yes, that's great. If not, you can tell your grandkids about your Decca/Beatles moment.

We have a treasure trove of fact based material for filming dramatic and documentary films. Don't believe me? Just watch the scrolling ticker tape above. Where's it all come from?

I got recruited by MI6's Colonel Alan Pemberton as an agent in the early 1970s. We opened up an intelligence agency called FaireSansDire in 1978. I was known as one of Pemberton's People in MI6. Meanwhile, by day, I was busy climbing the corporate ladders at PwC, Citi, Barclays and Reuters. In hindsight, it really was a double life! What does all that mean? It means we have a ton of original content like nothing you will have ever encountered.

My son Charlie wants to have films made about me and my "friends". He even published an article on TheBurlingtonFiles website about my surviving life threatening incidents. He listed about 60 incidents including over two dozen attempted murders. That's why he wanted to call the first film about me "The Spy Who Would Not Die". He thought it was a catchy title. I thought he was thinking of his inheritance.

I bet you didn't know that on Xmas Eve in 2001 I may have saved you or someone you knew from a life threatening incident. I helped foil Osama bin Laden's plans for a tsunami along the River Thames that Christmas. It's just one example of many events during my life that could be feature films in their own right.

We are not alone in believing what we have in terms of content eclipses Ian Fleming's entire book catalogue. However, having this much content creates a problem in itself. Where on earth do we start to generate wealth? We think a smart move might be the adaptation of some of the first and only book I have published. It's called Beyond Enkription. While adapting and filming that we could make a start on the script for the next series. Mind you, we are always open for debate.

If you are serious about joining us and want to read some important stuff about making films with us then lock and load onto our Film Pitch on TheBurlingtonFiles website. It's packed with generic stuff like my background, our data sources, filming options and possible thematic approaches. Also, we explain what differentiates us from the maddening herds, our unusual marketing potential and expected global appeal. We've also focused on Beyond Enkription and its ready adaptability, topicality, content, rich characters and reviews.

So, if you are intrigued by my life as "An accountant by day and a spy at night" you'd best join us on this adventure. Who would have thought that a meagre bean counter like me would be transformed into a maverick spy involved in exhilarating clandestine operations?

If you too want to know what lies Beyond Enkription and want in … on the money, the glory and the exciting ride with us into the future, check out the Film Pitch on TheBurlingtonFiles website . Next stop, contact us ASAP. Above all else, don't "let it be" your Beatles/Decca moment.

TICKERTAPE

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Characters 1955 – maximum characters (2000 -- https://wordcounter.net/character-count).

TICKERTAPE SUGGESTED VIDEOS

1970 – MI6 recruit opened doors for MI5 in Poulson/Maudling scandal •
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=968RQTHZm2g
1973 – Milton Obote & Idi Amin's crimes pursued by MI6 •
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1974 – MI6 man survives attempted murders by state sponsored criminals •
https://mixkit.co/free-stock-video/soldier-outdoors-shooting-the-gun-23423/
1974 – Auditor discovers India's Operation Smiling Buddha to develop atom bomb •
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/6b2bixfNXLo
1974 – MI6 behind failed CIA Haitian coup echoing Bay of Pigs fiasco •
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Q72O7AT6AE
1974 – Robert Vesco & rogue CIA operatives probed by MI6 •

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Vvn6J2TUpU8
1975 – MI6 involved in telepathy, premonitions & afterlife •
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qIq74pue9Y
1976 – Mossad/MI6 investigate Mafia CIA infiltration •
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HiCnnsHfadU
1978 – UK spies charge out rates hit $1m per hour •
https://mixkit.co/free-stock-video/banknotes-falling-on-a-dark-background-18305/
1979 – MI6 man nearly killed when investigating Escobar & Pindling •
https://mixkit.co/free-stock-video/a-sniper-laying-on-the-ground-is-aiming-23870/
1983 – Are MI6 self-funding by targeting banks for tax penalties •
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/4G1aLjYEpDw
1984 – Greedy London bankers get Belgravia pads for peanuts •
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FARGWumO8kc
1985 – Iran-Contra-linked operatives repeatedly try to assassinate MI6 agent •
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2-vbccR3rM
1991 – Offices torched at Mercantile Credit's HQ in Basingstoke •
https://www.flickr.com/photos/billfairclough/48198626522/in/photostream/ **(Still image only)**
1991 – Triads & Yakuza attempt to murder MI6 man outside Hong Kong nightclub •
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdjWoTmI548
1994 – UK's Anti-Corruption Command fail to prosecute pan-European € multi-billion VAT fraud •
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Orde7FtHh0
1996 – MI6 man's garden set alight in terror campaign •
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2001 – Osama bin Laden's London tsunami plot foiled by British Intelligence •
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4WKM6DzD2U
2014 – Ukraine's SBU suspect MI6 of election-meddling following FaireSansDire probes •
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Zu9q2Ov2nCg

VIDEO FINALISATION

On two of the TV reports you have wording – namely Kremlin and Edward Snowden – we should get rid of that specific wording in both reports and have the following wording appear at the bottom of each of the 28 TV reports a mini-second after the beginning of each TV report and disappear at the end of each TV report. It should be in white font in all Caps in the same type of font and size of font used for EDWARD SNOWDEN in the Edward Snowden TV report. The wording would be as follows:

1. 1970 – POULSON/MAUDLING SCANDAL
2. 1973 – OBOTE/AMIN INVESTIGATIONS
3. 1974 – CLOCKWORK ORANGE PLOT
4. 1974 – ROGUE-STATE ATTEMPTED MURDERS
5. 1974 – OPERATION SMILING BUDDHA
6. 1974 – FAILED HAITIAN COUP
7. 1974 – VESCO'S KIDNAP ATTEMPT
8. 1975 – TELEPATHY & PREMONITIONS
9. 1976 – MAFIA CIA INFILTRATION
10. 1978 – $1M PER HOUR RATES
11. 1979 – ESCOBAR/PINDLING INVESTIGATIONS
12. 1983 – MI6 TAXING BUSINESSES
13. 1984 – GREEDY LONDON BANKERS
14. 1985 – IRAN-CONTRA ATTEMPTED MURDERS
15. 1991 – BARCLAYS BASINGSTOKE ARSON
16. 1991 – TRIAD/YAKUZA ATTEMPTED MURDERS
17. 1994 – ANTI-CORRUPTION INCOMPETENCE
18. 1996 – FAIRESANSDIRE TERROR CAMPAIGN
19. 2001 – LONDON TSUNAMI FOILED
20. 2003 – IRAQI ARMY SURRENDERS
21. 2004 – AL QAEDA CONMAN
22. 2007 – ANGOLAN DIAMOND SMUGGLING
23. 2010 – ATTEMPTED FAIRESANSDIRE NOBBLING
24. 2010 – FSB ST TRINIANS ACADEMY
25. 2012 – KREMLIN ASSISTS FAIRESANSDIRE
26. 2013 – EDWARD SNOWDEN'S BATHTUB
27. 2013 – DPRK ARMS SMUGGLING
28. 2010 – ALLEGED UKRAINE ELECTION-MEDDLING

As said earlier, I have also noted one mistake – the last item ("2010 – Alleged Ukraine Election-meddling") in terms of both tickertape and TV reports should of course come after the tickertape and TV report on "2007 – Angolan Diamond Smuggling". The reason for that is that at present it is not in chronological order! LD

Further to our chat I think we should do the following which entails literally only two changes:

1. At the very start remove the words appearing in the tickertape: **1979 – MI6 man nearly killed when investigating Escobar & Pindling**
2. Start with the TV blank and then turn it on after 5 (see later*) seconds – that way it will sync much better with all the ensuing TV reports throughout the whole video and there is no need to make more changes because you can read the start of each new part of the tickertape as the TV report changes and it makes much more sense. *You may want to experiment to see which of 4, 5 or 6 seconds is best.

I suggest we try that and if it is better we may not even need to ask others for their opinions!

As for where we place it on the website I suggest we open up a new heading between The News and Legal Stuff calling it Film Pitch with the same URL as for the existing Film Pitch – https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2025.04.21.php. We could then remove Film Pitch from the LHS home page menu. As for the existing news article **April 21, 2025 FILM PITCH – THE SPY WHO WOULD NOT DIE** I suggest we keep it (and its existing URL) but redate it **May 15, 2025** on the News Page contents list.

The two pages about the Film Pitch would be identical and as written now except that the video would be inserted after **FILM PITCH – THE SPY WHO WOULD NOT DIE** and before **Introduction**. The video would be the same size as on the YouTube page before enlargement and if you can't use the enlarger stuff on that page you could always say immediately underneath the video **This video is also available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuLzdbMXET4.** LD